

# Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

## **Tiny Tots: "Nature Discoveries"**

Explore the natural world around us. These programs will connect children and their parents with nature through short walks, animal visitors, and crafts.  
Children ages 3 -5.

**Held on Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am**

<b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Who's Been Walking in the Snow?</b>
<b>January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Slippery Seals</b>
<b>February 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Valentine's Day</b>
<b>February 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>To Nature, with Love</b>
<b>March 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rock Hounds</b>
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb</b>

## January .....

<b>Slippery Seals</b> Children's Program	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 12th</b>	<b>10:00—11:00 am</b>
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Seals are beautiful creatures that visit Long Island waters in the wintertime. Have fun while investigating how they live and migrate through creative games and activities.  
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

<b>Wildlife Oddities</b> Family Program	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 13th</b>	<b>1:30 – 3:00 pm</b>
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There are some mighty odd plants and animals that live in the preserve and around the world. We have plants that eat meat and plants that 'pop' seeds every which way. There are bugs that 'talk' using their own light! Let's explore these fun and fascinating wildlife oddities!  
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

<b>Southside Winter Walk</b> Adult Program	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 – 11:30 am</b>
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Enjoy a walk into the winter woodlands of the south side to discover how nature changes during the winter months. Cross your fingers and hope for a touch of snow to brighten up our walk.  
Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054

## February .....

<b>Deer Detectives</b> Children's Program	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 – 11:00 am</b>
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Where have all the deer gone? Expand your deer knowledge indoors as we explore the ways of the white-tailed deer. Outdoors we will become deer detectives and search for the clues that the deer have left behind.  
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

<b>The Trail Less Travelled</b> Adult Program	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 – 11:30 am</b>
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Enjoy the refreshing cold winter air with a walk on the Red Trail. Wear good walking shoes and dress warm. Bring water if you like. Moderate hike including some hills.  
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

<b>Experimenting With Magnetic Attractions</b> Family Program	<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 22<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 – 11:30 am</b>
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Have fun playing while you learn about magnets. Through hands-on activities and experiments, we will find out just how fascinating and fun magnets can be.  
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

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## **Who's Been Walking in the Snow?**

Family Program

**Sunday February 24th 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Unravel the clues left behind by the park's wildlife by making a "Tracks and Traces" book, filled with local animal tracks. Afterward, we will take a walk outside to search for tracks and traces.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

## March .....

## **Trout Unlimited Fishing Clinic**

Adult Program

**Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm**

Learn to fly fish with Trout Unlimited! Please call Caleb Smith State Park Preserve for more information and reservations. (For ages 15 and older).

Reservations are required: (631) 265 -1054

## **To Infinity and Beyond!**

Children's Program

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

Enjoy an engaging journey into space as you discover some fascinating facts about the final frontier. We'll have a contest, children verses adults, to find out who knows more about outer space. Join us for some out of this world fun!

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

## **Wind Catchers**

Family Program

**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 am**

Wind plays an important part in our world. Discover advantages and disadvantages of the wind through hands-on activities and games. Afterwards, you'll create your own unique wind catcher for your yard.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

## **South Side Birding**

Adult Program

**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 - 11:30 am**

Join us for a slow, pleasant walk along the Nissequogue River taking in the sights and sounds of the wetlands. We'll seek out our local residents and those returning from a warm hiatus! Plenty of time for photos, so bring your camera!

Reservations are required: (631) 265 -1054

# Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

## January .....

## **Maple Sugaring**

Adult Program

**Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**

**Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**

This hands-on-program, *geared for the average adult*, will teach you how to identify and tap a maple tree so you can make real maple syrup at home. You will also learn the cultural, historical, economical, and scientific background of this uniquely American craft. Very short-walk. Not recommended for children.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

# Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

## February .....

**Just a Hike  
(On the Roads)**  
Adult Program

**Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this four-mile, on road, moderately paced walk, thus affording walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park's beauty.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Maple Sugaring**  
Adult Program

**Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
This hands-on-program, *geared for the average adult*, will teach you how to identify and tap a maple tree so you can make real maple syrup at home. You will also learn the cultural, historical, economical, and scientific background of this uniquely American craft. Very short-walk. Not recommended for children.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Birding Basics  
For Beginners**  
Adult Program

**Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 ~ 11:30 am**  
This hands-on program will introduce adults to birds and birding. It will provide information on where to go and what to get to learn more.  
Bring binoculars. Approximately one mile; much sitting indoors.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

## March .....

**History  
of Caumsett**  
Adult Program

**Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
On this hilly, moderately long walk (approx. 2 miles), we will study the park's social, economic, architectural, and political history.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Just a Hike  
(Center Section)**  
Adult Program

**Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this five-mile, on road, moderately paced walk, thus affording walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park's beauty.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Winter  
Water Walk**  
Adult Program

**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
While our main goals are leisurely observation of winter waterfowl and exploration of the beach, we'll also learn about ponds. During our moderately paced 4 mile walk to and from the water, we'll relax and socialize. Bring binoculars.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Introduction to  
Wilderness Survival**  
Adult Program

**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:45 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
You can survive on your own at Caumsett. In this hands-on program, *geared for the average adult*, we'll teach you how to find food, start a fire, and build shelter.  
Approximately 1 mile. For reasons of safety, no children under 18 will be permitted.  
There will be some sitting on the grass.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Nature on the Move  
(Western Section)**  
Adult Program

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
We'll maintain a slow to moderate pace for 4 miles as we observe and discuss the fields and woods of Caumsett.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

# Connetquot River State Park Preserve

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**Held on Tuesdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am**

<b>January 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Winter Wildlife</b>
<b>January 29<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Wonderful Weather</b>
<b>February 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Owl Always Love You</b>
<b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Snowflakes</b>
<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Forever Green</b>
<b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring is Here</b>

## January .....

**Historic  
House Tour**  
Family Program

**Sundays                      January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>                      1:00 - 2:00 pm**  
Step back in time as you tour the Main House of the South Side Sportsmen's Club. A docent will discuss the history of the tavern and the high society Sportsmen's Club which shaped Connetquot River State Park Preserve into what it is today. Reservations are suggested: (631) 581 -1072

**Bird & Breakfast**  
Adult Program

**Saturday                      January 12<sup>th</sup> (12/29)                      8:00 – 11:00 am**  
Enjoy a continental breakfast (courtesy of The Great South Bay Audubon Society) and a presentation introducing the local and migratory birds seen in our area. Afterward, take a walk through the preserve led by experienced birders from the Audubon Society. Binoculars and identification books will be available for loan. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

**Art with Animals**  
Children's Program

**Sunday                      January 13<sup>th</sup>                      1:30 - 3:00 pm**  
Make your own nature inspired creations in this fun one of a kind program! We will use items found in nature and turn them into unique works of art inspired by creatures of the forest. There may even be a visit from a special guest! Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

**The Gold Coast  
& the Real Gatsby**  
*Friends of Connetquot  
Lecture Series*  
Adult Program

**Saturday                      January 19<sup>th</sup>                      1:00 - 2:00 pm**  
Travel back in time to the days of Daisy Buchanan and Jay Gatsby! Learn about the actual families and their grand houses that inspired the book during a talk by North Shore historian and author Paul J. Mateyunas. He will autograph copies of his books *North Shore Long Island: Country Houses, 1890-1950* and *Long Island's Gold Coast*, which will be available for purchase. For reservations, please visit [friendsofconnetquot.com](http://friendsofconnetquot.com)

**Deer Detectives**  
Children's Program

**Sunday                      January 27<sup>th</sup>                      1:30 – 3:00 pm**  
Where have all the deer gone? Expand your deer knowledge indoors as we explore the ways of the white-tailed deer. Outdoors we will become deer detectives and search for the clues that the deer have left behind. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

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## February

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Family Program

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**Tracks and Traces**  
Family Program

**Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:00 pm**  
Exploring the forest can be exciting during the winter. Learn how to 'read the signs' animals leave behind, then take a hike as we search for tracks and traces that might even lead us to the animals! Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

**Landscape Painting**  
Adult Program

**Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**  
Connetquot has always had a rich and vibrant natural history. Capture some of that beauty with a guided painting lesson! Learn how to translate some of the wildlife and scenery to canvas. There will be an additional fee of \$2.00 per person for materials. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## March

**Historic House Tour**  
Family Program

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**Astronomy-Explore the Solar System**  
Family Program

**Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 ~ 9:00 pm**  
Come discover the fascinating planets that share our sky. With fun hands-on activities we will gain an understanding of how big the solar system is. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

**Owl Pellet Dissection**  
Family Program

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:00 pm**  
Owls come in many shapes and sizes, from a variety of habitats all over the world. Explore the world of these silent predators and learn how they hunt in the dark. Dissect a real owl pellet to discover what creatures were eaten by the owl. Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

**After Dark Stroll**  
Family Program

**Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
Have you ever wanted to explore the Preserve after dark? Now is your chance! Bundle up and enjoy the brisk winter air as we stroll through the preserve after the sun sets. Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

# Connetquot River State Park Preserve

## **Must See Hiking Destinations of Long Island**

*Lecture & Book signing*

**Sunday**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 - 2:00pm**

Take a hike! Get outside and explore the Long Island Pine Barrens' deepest secrets and more! James Daniels, author of *The Must See Hiking Destinations of Long Island*, and local high schooler, will present a power point of only the best hikes on long Island. The presentation will be complete with pictures, maps, and the best hiking information available. Books will be on hand for purchasing and signing. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## **Evergreen Baskets**

Adult Program

**Saturday**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Discover fascinating facts about evergreens you never knew before. We will then show you how to create your very own evergreen basket to take home with you. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## **Wildlife**

### **Detectives**

Children Program

**Saturday**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

During a walk outside, we will uncover what animals are living in the forest by searching for clues they have left behind. Do you have what it takes to be a Wildlife Detective? Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

# Jones Beach State Park Nature Center

January .....

## Winter Seal Walks

Our winter visitors are here! Come join us for a short talk about seals and then bundle up as we walk along the shoreline to see these amazing mammals.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>1:30 – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 – 3:00 pm</b>

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**January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Seals**  
**Snowflakes**  
**Heart 2 Heart**  
**Counting Critters**  
**Leprechaun's Rainbow**  
**Welcome Spring**

## January .....

**Track it Down**  
Children's Program

**Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:00 pm**  
What made that footprint? Who's burrow could this be? What was this animal eating? Children will become nature detectives as they unravel the clues left behind by the park's wildlife. Make your own Tracks & Traces book filled with local animal tracks to take home.  
**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Scrap the Winter Blues Away**  
Children's Program

**Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:00 pm**  
Make a keepsake to give as a gift or keep for yourself. We will show you how to make a nature inspired scrapbook. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring pictures and anything other special items to add to your pages.  
**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

## February .....

**Bayberry Candles**  
Family Program

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> (1/20) 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**  
Bayberry, a common shrub found all over the barrier islands of New York, has some surprising links to American History. We will teach you all about the origins of the bayberry candle and each family will have the opportunity to make their own decorative candle to take home.  
**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Geology Rocks**  
Children's Program

**Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
Let's get ready to rock and roll! Did you know that there are rocks that glow in the dark, rocks that float, and rocks that conduct electricity? Come join us for some rock and minerals experiments and explore the intriguing world of geology!"  
**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

## March .....

**Lights, Color, Refraction!**  
Children's Program

**Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
Have you ever heard of ROY G BIV? You'll certainly be an expert by the end of this program, filled with hands-on activities that will help us explore the many ways that light bounces, bends, and reflects. We'll discover how white light splits apart, revealing all the colors of the rainbow.  
**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

# Nissequogue River State Park

## February .....

**Maple Sugaring**  
Family Program

**Saturday**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
& 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

From seed to syrup, discover the importance of our maple trees! This hands on program will teach you how to identify a maple tree, tap it and make syrup! Program is mostly indoors, with short outdoor demonstrations. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

# Sunken Meadow State Park

## January .....

**Mad Scientist Lab**  
Family Program

**Saturday**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 – 11:30 am**

Step into the science lab! During this hands on program, you will participate in fun and exciting experiments. Do you have what it takes to be a Mad Scientist? This program is appropriate for children ages 7 and up. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## February .....

**Moonlight Stroll**  
Family Program

**Friday**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 ~ 8:30 pm**

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the tranquil trails of the park. This is an excellent chance to get outside and enjoy the crisp winter air while exploring what creatures are around this time of night! **Dress for the weather.** Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## March .....

**Winter Beach Wander**  
Family Program

**Saturday**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Leave your bathing suit behind and grab your winter coat! Breathe in the crisp winter air as we stroll the beach at Sunken Meadow. We will search for visiting wildlife along the way. **Dress for the weather.** Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072